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The foregoing document was cited by the examiner in Applicants' corresponding Norwegian Patent Application No. 1996 4754.

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